



By the King.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

For due Execution of the late Act of Parliament against Importing Cattel from
Ireland, and other Parts beyond the Seas.

CHARLES R.



He Kings Majesty being advertised, That since, and contrary to the said late Act, great numbers of Cattel have been brought from Ireland into several parts of this Realm, and sundry fraudulent practices used, to evade the said Act, and the Forfeitures and Penalties thereby imposed: His Majesty therefore (by the Advice of His Privy Council) doth hereby strictly Charge and Command, That the said Act be duely observed, and in no wise eluded by any fraudulent contrivance whatsoever. And forasmuch as His Majesty is informed, That amongst other undue practices, the Officers (who by the said Act are appointed to be Seizors) after the Seizure made, by underhand agreements between them and the Owners, or some on their behalf, have made colourable Sales to them, or for their use, of the Cattel seized, at small and unvaluable Prices, intending thereby, and other like frauds, to avoid the said Act: His Majesty doth strictly Charge and Command the Constables, Tythingmen, Headboroughs, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor, to make due Seizures according to the said Act, and to take especial care that the Cattel seized be sold for the full and real value thereof, and that the moneys arising thereby, be duely disposed, as by the said Act is directed, without any fraud or collusion. And His Majesty Willeth and Commandeth the Justices of Peace of the respective Counties, and especially those who live near the place where such Cattel shall be landed, strictly to enquire into all abuses tending to evade the said Act, and bind over the Offenders, as well the Owners and Importers of the Cattel, and their Agents, as the Officers that shall Seize the same, to the next Assizes or Sessions to be held for the County where such Seizure shall be, and cause them to be Indicted and prosecuted for the confederacies and other practises against the said Act.

And His Majesty doth further direct the Customers, Comptrollers, Searchers, and other Officers of His Ports where such Cattel shall be landed (if any be) forthwith to certifie His Privy Council, the Numbers, and the Names of the Owners or Importers thereof, and the Parish or place into which they shall be first brought, to the end such further directions may be given, and proceedings had, as shall be agreeable to Justice, and that the said Act of Parliament may be inviolably observed.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* the Thirtieth of *September*, 1667.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

In the *SAVOY*,

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